1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
22.	Rajashtan	171.16	179.72	188.71	434.08	512.74	216.79
23.	Sikkim	5.71	6.00	6.30	0.00	0.00	9.90
24.	Tamil Nadu	84.87	89.11	93.57	215.99	289.45	783.14
25.	Tripura	4.30	4.51	4.74	0.00	0.00	0.05
26.	Uttar Pradesh	120.95	127.00	133.56	310.06	41.87	192.10
27.	Uttaranchal	26.76	28.10	29.50*	0.00	0.00	0.00
28.	West Bengal	83.60	87.78	92.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	1648.88	1727.09	1787.60	1600.00	1587.42	2613.80

* Centre's share of CRF has not been released for want of information relating to crediting of earlier released funds, utilisation certificate and annual report.

Including arrears of CRF for the previous year.

Lowering of borrowings

2229. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to keep Government borrowings lower than the budgeted Rs. 1,00,836 crore during 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the progress achieved in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government has completed gross market borrowing of Rs. 65,000 crore upto August 12, 2005 as against Rs. 67,000 crore announced as per the Indicative Calender for market borrowing for April-September, 2005 drawn up by Central Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

The quantum of gross market borrowing depends on the pace of receipts and expenditure, including repayment of debt, besides availability of cash balances.

Introduction of New Era coins

2230. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Era coins including a Rs. 10 coin, designed by the National Institute of Design (NID) are set to enter the market soon; and

(b) if so, the date of their introduction and other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. New series of coins in the denominations of 50 paise, Re. 1 and Rs. 2 in Ferritic Stainless Steel (FSS) and Rs. 5 and new coin of Rs. 10 in bi-metallic have been designed by National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad. There is NIL indent of coins projected by the Reserve Bank of India for the year 2005-2006. The new series of coins are expected to be lifted by the Reserve Bank of India for circulation during 2006-2007.

Transfer of BALCO shares by Sterlite industries

2231. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during BALCO disinvestment agreement a condition was laid that the shares can neither be transferred nor converted directly or indirectly for the next three years; and

(b) if so, the detailed grounds on which Sterlite industry has transferred 51 per cent of its share to its private industry named Sterlite Copper Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM) (A) Yes Sir.

(b) As informed by BALCO and M/s Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. (SIIL), M/s SIIL continues to hold 51% of the shareholding of BALCO, which was sold to it by the Government.

FDI in retail sector

2232. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICRER and Department of Consumer Affairs recommended for allowing 49 per cent FDI in retail sector;

(b) whether they also suggested for gradual opening up of retail sector so as to enable domestic industry to adjust itself;